DENISE COTE, District Judge:

The above-captioned case was assigned to this Court on January 12, 2021. The defendant is out on bail and resides in Tennessee. The Court has been advised that the defendant prefers that the appearance in this matter occur remotely as opposed to an in-person proceeding. It is hereby

ORDERED that the arraignment is scheduled January 15, 2021 at 2 p.m. and shall proceed via the Microsoft Teams videoconference platform, if that platform is reasonably available. A trial date will be set at that time. To access the conference, paste the following link into your browser: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-

join/19%3ameeting\_YzAzNjY2MWQtYzExOS00NTdlLWI4OGMtNjIwODk1OWM3MmQ5%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%221d66f037-8266-4d1c-919c-67c6543d3542%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2220b3b4ec-lef6-4484-88f4-2126fecd52fa%22%7d.

To use this link, you may need to download software to use the platform's videoconferencing features. Participants are directed to test their videoconference setup in advance of the conference — including their ability to access the link above. Defense counsel shall assist the defendant in testing his videoconference capability so that the defendant can participate by videoconference if that is feasible.

Users who are unable to download the Microsoft Teams application may access the meeting through an internet browser, although downloading the Teams application is highly recommended.<sup>2</sup> When you successfully access the link, you will be placed in a "virtual lobby" until the conference begins.

Participants should also ensure that their webcam, microphone, and headset or speakers are all properly configured to work with Microsoft Teams. For general guidelines for participation in remote conferences, visit https://nysd.uscourts.gov/covid-19-coronavirus.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that members of the press, public, or counsel who are unable to successfully access Microsoft Teams

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>See Microsoft, Download Microsoft Teams</u> (last visited Dec. 7, 2020), https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/download-app.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Please note that participants who access the Teams meeting using an internet browser may only be able to view one participant at a time.

may access the conference's audio using the following credentials:

Call-in number: +1 917-933-2166

Conference ID: 755 941 612#

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that by Thursday, January 14, 2021, defense counsel shall file a letter informing the Court whether counsel and the defendant have successfully tested Microsoft Teams. If the defendant and counsel are unable to successfully test Microsoft Teams, defense counsel shall advise the Court whether the defendant consents to proceeding with a telephone conference or whether the defendant requires the proceeding to occur in person.

Dated: New York, New York January 13, 2021

United States District Judge